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“Every Breath You Take...Living with Asthma in Idaho”

“Every Breath You Take...Living with Asthma in Idaho” a forum to identify, prioritize, and make recommendations regarding local asthma issues will be held in **Meridian**, as part of the observation of National Asthma/Allergy Month. Sponsored by the **Central District Health Department**, this public forum will be held **May 1, 2002, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at **St. Luke’s Meridian Medical Center, in the Paiute Conference Room at 520 South Eagle Road, Meridian, Idaho.**

“Based upon data from the 2001 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and a 1999 survey of family practice physicians and school nurses, an estimated 120,000 Idahoans live with the effects of asthma”, said **Kathy Holley**, Health District Director. “We are pleased that this meeting will provide an opportunity to bring local experts and community members together to talk about the impact of asthma in our communities”, he/she said.

The forum will feature **Joseph Callanan, MD, Conrad Colby, RT, PhD, Deborah Lafond, RN and Berk Fraser, RPh** who will share their professional views and personal experiences on asthma priorities. The public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss their views on asthma priorities.

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The local forum is one of seven similar meetings being sponsored by Health Districts throughout the state.

“Information collected from the seven District-sponsored meetings will lead to the development of a statewide approach to the effective management of asthma”, said **Nancy Rush**, District Health Promotion Specialist.

“Our goals are to find effective ways to manage asthma and reduce its impact on Idahoans,” she/he continued.

Comments and findings from the seven district meetings will provide the platform for the Idaho State Asthma Summit to be held in Boise, September 23rd and 24th of this year.

This project is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All interested community members are invited to attend.

For more information please contact **Nancy Rush** at **208-327-8546**.

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